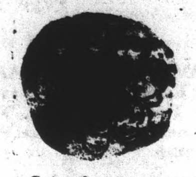

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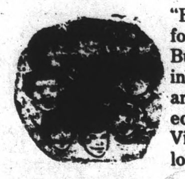

By Frank H. Sweet
Extension Agent

Saturday is a big day for all Senior 4-H members in a nineteen county area surrounding Appomattox. The East Central District 4-H Contest will be held Saturday morning at Appomattox County High School. Over 200 4-H members will be taking part in the program which will include demonstrations, Illustrated Talks, Share-the-Fun, Public Speaking, Judging Events and special skill events. The public would be welcome to watch any of these activities during the day.

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The 4-H Meats Group traveled to Dinnerbell Meat Products last Friday to study beef and pork carcasses and learn about the meat processing industry. The group thanks Mr. G. D. Gilliam of Dinnerbell for his assistance and cooperation.

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4-H members will be assisting with the County-wide Horse and Pony survey going on now in Appomattox. The survey is being conducted by the Virginia Extension Service in order to obtain statistical information about the importance of the horse industry to the State of Virginia.

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In school 4-H members will be seeing slides on 4-H Camp during the month of April. We'll have camp applications for you at the meeting. Appomattox will be camping with Nottoway County 4-H'ers during the week of August 6-10.

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Senior 4-H'ers are reminded of the need to return their applications for the Interstate Exchange trip to Nebraska this summer. These are due in the Extension Office by April 15.

Coleman Announces 5-Point Plan Use of Gasohol in State

Prompted by a Virginia law which gives him exclusive authority over the manufacture and distribution of industrial alcohol, Attorney General Marshall Coleman has announced a five point plan for the use of Gasohol in Virginia, including the recommendation that all state vehicles be run on the fuel.

Gasohol, mixture of 90 percent unleaded gasoline and 10 percent industrial alcohol (ethanol), can be directly substituted for gasoline in automobiles without any modifications in the engines. Use of Gasohol would stretch gasoline supplies 10 percent, Coleman said. Gasohol has been found to be more efficient than gasoline, Coleman added, so the total savings in gasoline consumption could amount to 15 to 20 percent.

Coleman made the proposals to augment Governor Dalton's directive for a 10 percent cutback in the use of gasoline. Coleman's plan includes five major recommendations including:

-- That the Department of Highways and Transportation use Gasohol in all state vehicles including state cars, school buses and other vehicles in the state motor pool. Since ethanol mixes easily with gasoline and since automobile engines can burn Gasohol efficiently with no modifications, this change could be effected by purchasing ethanol to mix with existing gasoline supplies.

-- That the Industrial Development Division take steps to encourage the production of Gasohol on a competitive basis in Virginia.

-- Notificaiton of members of Virginia's Congressional delegation about this plan so that they will be aware of it as they help craft the national energy policy. Coleman said it would be most unfortunate if some aspect of a national plan were to restrict Virginia's own efforts to solve the problem.

-- That legislation, regulations and procedures for licensing the manufacture of industrial alcohol (ethanol) in Virginia be reviewed and updated. Title 4, Chapter 3 of the Code of Virginia gives the Attorney General exclusive authority to authorize and regulate the manufacture and sale of alcohol for industrial purposes, including use in Gasohol.

-- Seek the establishment of a federally assisted Gasohol pilot plant in Virginia.

In addition, Coleman has established a task force in the Attorney General's Office to explore with state and federal departments means to make the conserved gasoline available elsewhere in the state to blunt any shortfall in gasoline supplies.

"It is my hope that the use of Gasohol by the state could free supplies to keep Virginia's tourist industry healthy during this summer," Coleman said. "By no means is this a panacea for all of our energy problems. But it is a measure which can be instituted immediately without an expenditure in research or equipment. And it could save Virginia millions of dollars in lost tourism business."

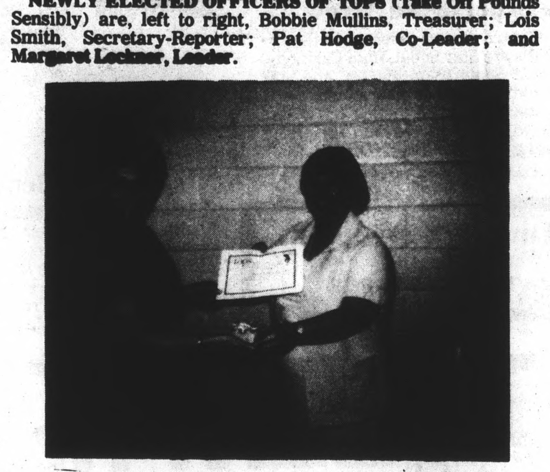
"Gasohol is a proven fuel, which is being used by consumers in at least 14 states including to a limited degree consumers in Northern Virginia. At least one state, Nebraska, is using Gasohol in all its state vehicles and several others are using Gasohol in some state vehicles," Coleman said.

"In addition to stretching our thin petroleum supplies in the foreseeable future, I believe production of Gasohol offers Virginia a golden opportunity for industrial growth. Virginia could become the leader in Gasohol production and become the chief supplier on the East Coast," Coleman said.

In addition, the Attorney General noted that besides conserving gas and reducing air pollution, use of Gasohol would create a boost for Virginia's agricultural and coal producing segments.

"Presently, there is no market for Virginia's surplus corn and for deteriorated grain that is unfit for human consumption. Use of corn to produce alcohol would produce this market, and could still be used as a livestock feed since the by-product, corn mash, is nearly equai in volume and nutrition to the same grain product before distillaiton," Coleman pointed out.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS OF TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) are, left to right, Bobbie Mullins, Treasurer; Lois Smith, Secretary-Reporter; Pat Hodge, Co-Leader; and Margaret Lockner, Leader.



SUSAN MARTIN, Leader, is shown presenting Margaret Lockner, newly elected Leader, with a beautiful Onyx ring for being the best loser of the year and reaching her goal and becoming a KOPS (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly.)

TWO ACHS STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN YOUTH-ENERGY GOVERNMENT FAIR

Two students from Appomattox County High School, Susan Parris and Lisa Moore, were among 23 SEC area students who entered Southside Electric Cooperative's first Youth - Energy - Government Fair on Saturday, March 24.

The Fair was held at Longwood College by the Cooperative. The winners will attend the annual Rural Electric Washington Youth Tour. SEC winners will be announced at a special Open House at the Cooperative in Crewe for all Energy Fair participants and their parents on April 18.

The Youth Tour is coordinated annually by the National Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives. This marks the eight year Southside Electric Cooperative has participated in this outstanding activity for the youth of Southside Virginia.

The Fair was an outstanding success and the contestants certainly did impress the three judges - Mrs. Eva Scott, member, General Assembly, Mr. Herbert Wheary, State Office of Emergency and Energy Services, and Mrs. Vi Allen, Vice-Chairman, Women's Advisory Committee of SEC, with their knowledge, interest and concerns for energy conservation, energy sources for the future, and the Government's role in our future energy supply.

Susan Parris presented an illustrated talk on Energy in the Home, while Lisa Moore chose the subject of Energy Sources of the future.

Our young people are concerned. They are thinking about energy problems that face us today and into their futures. The Youth Tour is planned as an educational tour of Washington to further acquaint these fine young people with the government in action.

TOPS News

On March 29, 1979, the new officers of the TOPS Club for the coming year were installed. A candlelight service was held. Susan Martin, leader, lit a candle and every new officer lit her candle from Susan's and then repeated a vow to do good for the TOPS Club. After the candlelight service, Susan presented each officer with a beautiful red and white carnation. As a thank you gift for the help the girls had given Susan during the year, she presented each girl with a beautiful cup. All the girls appreciate the gift and thank Susan for her help and guideance during the past year. The new officers are as follows: Margaret Lockner, leader; Pat Hodge, co-leader; Lois Smith, secretary and reporter; Bobbie Mullins, treasurer. These girls will begin April 5, 1979 to serve in the offices to which they were elected.

Sayler's Creek Re-Enactment

RICHMOND - A re-enactment of the final battle of the War Between the States will be held April 7 at Sayler's Creek Historical Battlefield State Park, 12 miles east of Farmville, announced State Parks Commissioner, Ben H. Bolen.

Several hundred members of reactivated Civil War military units from across the nation will participate in the re-enactment in authentic uniforms and equipment of Civil War soldiers.

While the troops will be encamped on the battlefield the entire weekend, the actual camps will not be open to the public. The Hillsman House, used as a field hospital during the battle of April 6, 1865, will be open to visitors Saturday and Sunday, April 7 and 8, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Hostesses in Civil War period dress will be in the Hillsman House to welcome visitors to the battlefield.

The actual battle re-enactment will begin Saturday, April 7, at 4 p.m. The road to the battlefield (Route 617) will be closed to traffic at 3:45 p.m.

Sayler's Creek Historical Battlefield State Park may be reached by taking State Route 307 (connecting highway between U.S. 360 and 460, Farmville) to eighter Route 616 or 617.

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Pamplin Ruritans Hear Ron Steinkamp

Pamplin Ruritans will be busy getting the community center park ready for the first softball tournament set for April 20. We will be working at the park every weekend and several nights, says Public Services Chairman Horace Coleman. We will need all the help we can get, he said.

In other club action the Ruritans will sponsor a handicap child to the Special Olympics Camp. The club will also sponsor a community clean-up day, April 28.

Ron Steinkamp, Plant Production and Traffic manager with Armstrong Furniture Company, presented the program. "Our Appomattox plant makes more bedroom cases than any other plant in the world," he said. "We make 3500 pieces of furniture a day. Our 750 production employees make one suit of furniture for every employee each day," Steinkamp noted.

"Our people are our most important resource and most were hired locally. We came to Appomattox because of the people and the Industrial Development Corporation," he said.

Steinkamp explained that popular priced furniture is very closely tied in to the economy and that production is being cut back a little to reduce inventories.

"We have 14,000 suits of furniture in our warehouse and we are making too much furniture every day for the near term need. We need to cut back production a little," he said. Hopefully, the new lines of wall units and motel orders will pick up much of the slack.

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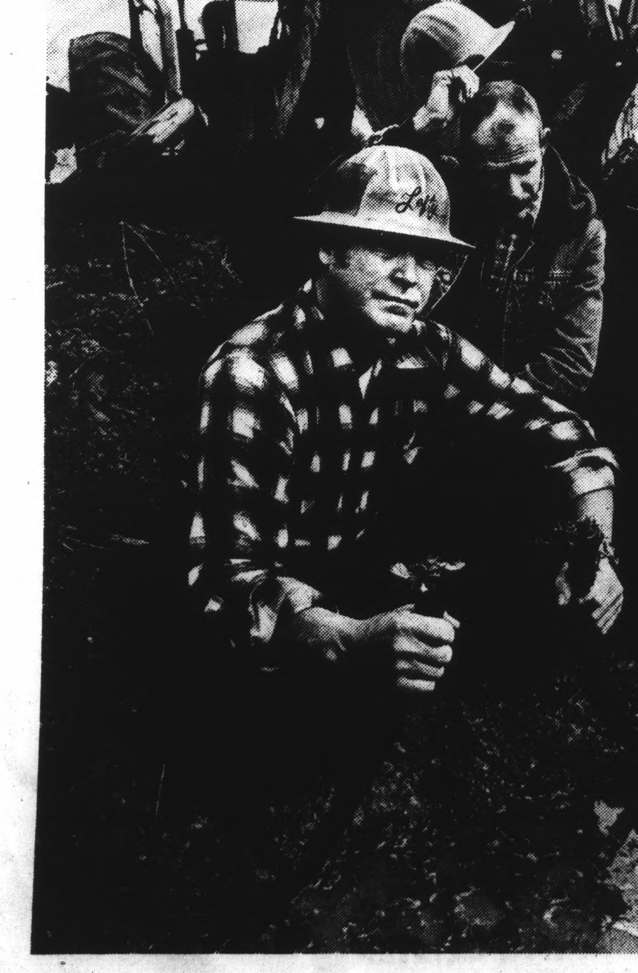

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PARTICIPANTS OF WESTVACO'S 1978 Wildflower/Woodlands tours chat with one of the tour leaders, Mrs. Minerva Kepler (second from left). The day-long tours for garden club members will be held this spring on April 19, 26 and 30th.

Mike McCoy Celebrates Birthday

Mike McCoy celebrated his 13th birthday last week with a party at A. J. Skateland. Attending were Jay Wingfield, Bobby Carter, Tim Tillery, Freddy Lawson, Charles Williams, Todd Scruggs, A. C. Martin, Karen Stevens, "Mike", Beth Caldwell, Kevin Ferguson, Mrs. McCoy, Mike Fee, Neil Leonard and Larry Shorter.

Westvaco Wildflower/Woodlands Tours

Spring wildflowers, wild foods and forestry will be some of the topics covered on Westvaco Corporation's Wildflower/Woodlands Tours for area Garden Clubs. The day-long tours will be held on April 19, 26, and 30 at Westvaco's Irvine Tract in Bedford County.

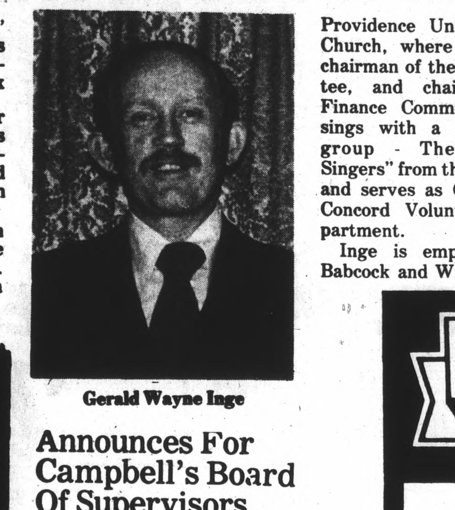
Westvaco foresters and special guest leaders will guide walks through several different habitats. This will allow tour participants to see a variety of wildflowers, ferns and other vegetation. Lunch-time will bring a special teat. "Wild" foods, prepared from plants seen on the walks, will be served along with a traditional box lunch.

This will be the second year for the Wildflower/Woodlands tours. Last year tour participants located and identified over forty wildflower spec ies in bloom.

For information on registration for the tours, write to Westvaco Wildflowers, P.O. Box 998, Appomattox, Virginia 24522.

Morris Girls Celebrate Birthdays

Sandi Morris celebrated her 13th birthday and Sarah Morris celebrated her 10th birthday with a party at A. J. Skateland on Thursday night of last week. Attending were, left to right, Sandi Morris, Scott Morris, Becky Morris, Keith Foster, Kathi Morris, Audra Doss, Kim Johnson, Sissy Knight and Sarah Morris. In background are Todd Neathawk, Liz Pierce, Mary Lee Bryant and Stella Osborne.



Gerald Wayne Inge

Announces For Campbell's Board Of Supervisors

Gerald Wayne Inge of Route 3, Box 174B, Lynchburg, has announced his independent candidancy for the board of supervisors of Campbell County from the Concord district.

Born April 3, 1943 in Lynchburg, the son of Charles H. Inge, Jr. and Odessa Dawson Inge and was raised in the Concord area of Campbell County. He attended Concord High School and was transferred to Rustburg High School where he graduated in 1962 as Senior Class President, President of the Rustburg Chapter of Future Farmers of America, and President of the Hub Federation of Future Farmers of America.

He is married to the former Virginia Seay and has two daughters, Sherry and Terry. They reside on state road 752, just 1/2 mile off Rt. 460. Route 752 (top of Oxford Furnace Hill) is aobut 4 miles east of the Lynchburg city limits and 4 miles west of Appomattox County line.

Presently he is a member of Providence United Methodist Church, where he serves as chairman of the music committee, and chairman of the Finance Committee. Also he sings with a gospel singing group - The "Fellowship Singers" from the Concord area and serves as Captain on the Concord Volunteer Fire Department.

Inge is employed by the Babcock and Wilcox Company, Navel Nuclear Fuel Division at Mt. Athos where he was a charter member and served on the original board of directors of the Nuclear Power Federal Credit Union.

He intends to work towards a balanced budget in Campbell County, to continue to increase the quality of education and to work toward a sounder relationship between the rural, the urban and industrial areas of the Concord District. He also will encourage more participation in county government from the people of the Concord District of Campbell County and hopes to be helpful in enhancing the understanding and harmony between the Board of Supervisors, School Board, all other agencies and its citizens. A more definite platform will be forthcoming as soon as a deeper study has been made to improve county government.

His decision to run followed the urging of many friends and associates after the public announcement by William R. Moore that he would not be available as a candidate for the Concord District.

Kenneth W. Jones Completes Training

MARCH 27 - Marine Private Kenneth W. Jones, Jr., son of Beauluth V. and Kenneth A. Jones, Sr. of Route 2, Box 1AA, Concord, Va., has completed the Marine Corps Basic Combat Engineer Course.

During the six-week course at Camp Lejeune, N.C., he studied the fundamentals of engineering support for combat units. He received instruction on the tools and procedures for building bridges, roads and field fortifications. He also studied the use of demolitions, landmine warfare and camouflage techniques.

He joined the Marine Corps in October 1978.

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Those visiting Mrs. W. Clarke Moore Wednesday morning Mrs. David Harvey, Mrs. G. C. Martin, Mrs. Walter Moore, Mrs. Elmo Cruise, Lynchburg, Friday evening. Mr. and Mr.s Tom Moore Saturday, Miss Lena Mann and friend from Arlington; Sunday, Mrs. Aubrey Moore, Mrs. Richard Nash, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Harvey. Mrs. Moore is improving but has to go to the doctor Thursday for treatment. Mr. Alonza Martin entered Virginia Baptist Hospital Sunday for treatment.

Mrs. Dora Coleman is about the same.

Mrs. Claudie Moore lost her brother-in-law last week. We extend to her and her family our sympathy. Mrs. Claudie Moore is staying with her two brothers in Madison Heights this week.

Mrs. Overton Moore ate birthday dinner with Mrs. Alise Drinkard Sunday.

Mrs. C. D. Lewis returned home from Virginia Baptist Hospital Thursday and seems to be doing fine. Mrs. Beryl Covington and Marjorie Mae visited Mrs. Alton Moore and Sharon and Jamie Lewis Thursday. Mrs. Beryl Covington and Marjorie Mae visited Mr. Clarence Moore at Babcock Manor Thursday and found him feeling very well.

Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Covington and Marjorie Mae visited Mrs. Iva Covington and Mr. and Mrs. Jack King Sunday.

The U.M.W. of Mt. Comfort Church will meet at the church 9 a.m. - 12 noon. The group will clean the church closets. At 12 there will be a covered dish luncheon.

In the afternoon Mrs. Virginia Hunter will present an Easter Program.

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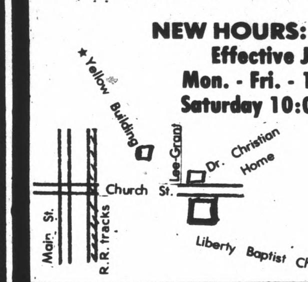

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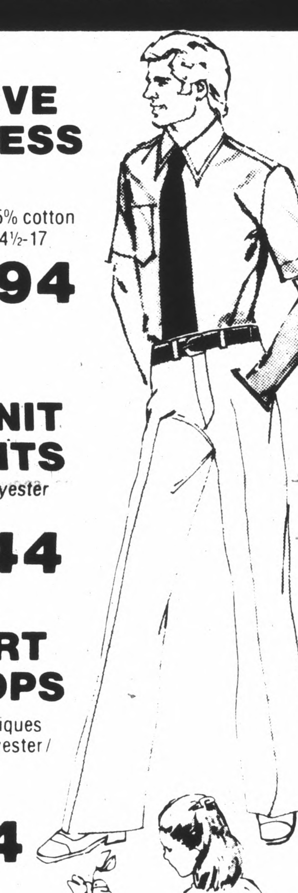

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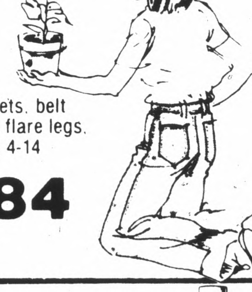

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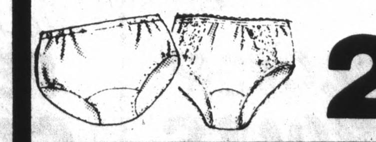

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